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We find it is not quite so easy as we thought it would be to get together a News Letter that deals almost entirely with news of graduates of the School when it was the School of Literature and Expression. However, you will be much interested in the notes on former days which we were able to get from Helen Parsons. These were presented as a brief history of the School in 1938 at the Annual Alumnae Luncheon. Look for this on page 2.

We hope that all graduates will be glad to see the lamp of light and beauty, the lovely symbol of earlier days, as well as the discus thrower, the masterly crest of the School after it became purely one of physical education. The artist is the worthy president of the Alumnae Association and member of our staff, Shirley Naylor. Needless to say, a stencil is not the best medium for expressing one's artistic feelings!

Speaking of the President, leads most naturally to the Alumnae Association and all its doings. Before this reaches you, a good many of you will have heard of the draw, tea and sale of homemade cooking the War Committee is having at the School, 415 Yonge Street, on Saturday, March 28th, to make money for the purchase of wool. One of Barrie Rennie's flower pictures was donated by Lois Howard Armstrong, and a small table lamp by Miss Somers. To make the draw still more interesting, the War Committee provided a third prize in the form of a linen bridge set. A mere twenty-five cents will give you a chance to win any of these beautiful prizes!! Of course, if you would like to double, triple or multiply any number of times your chance, you know what to do. As a matter of fact, the Toronto graduates and a few outside the city, have been asked to take a book of tickets to sell, either to themselves or to others. It is hoped that Graduates Day will be celebrated on March 28th, the day of the Tea, and that the Toronto graduates will have their reunions at the Tea. (The Tea will cost you 25 cents.) The War Committee continues to meet every Friday. By the time you get this letter, the second of this year's units for the Red Cross will have been finished (outfits for 6 year old boys), and another big "Bundle" of knitted articles for the British Minesweepers. All the wool for the minesweepers is bought by the War Committee and the Treasury is getting low. We bespeak for this Tea, Draw and Bazaar, your very strong support. The Committee would also like donations of old felt hats for the children's bedroom slippers they are making. These may be left at the School Office, the sooner the better.

Life at the School goes on pretty much as usual. Mid-year examinations are a thing of the past, and on the surface at least, they went off with a minimum of worry. At present the big thing in the students' minds is the Demonstration, to be held in the evening of March 28th, the same day as the Alumnae Tea. As they both are on Saturday, we hope that some of the out-of-town graduates will be able to come for the two functions. The Demonstration is to be held in our gymnasium at 415 Yonge Street; since the accommodation is very limited, we are sending invitations only to those who can use them. This means that if you want an invitation you will have to ask for it! The first and second year students and the Diploma students of the School of Physical and Health Education of the University are also taking part in the Demonstration. We are having the Demonstration this year largely for publicity and would appreciate it if you would tell us of any prospective students in this vicinity who would like to see it. Speaking of prospective students, we hope you will send us the names of those you think would be suited to this course and we will send them the new calendar. We

do not want to lose the contacts we have had all over the country as The Margaret Eaton School, just because we are now the School of Physical and Health Education of the University of Toronto. The new School needs your support just as much as the old School needed it.

The Annual Alumnae Refresher Course, Dorothy Jackson convener of the Committee in charge, was held as usual during the Christmas holidays. It seems the Toronto teachers, both M.E.S. and others, have often expressed the wish that the course could be held at some other season, when they are in the city. The Committee tried to have it during the Easter holidays, but that was not feasible. Instead they planned to have an all-Canadian staff this year, which meant the expense was not so great as it would have been had they brought in specialists from afar. In consequence the Committee made sufficient money from the Course to make a donation of \$75.00 to the Physical Education Section of the O.E.A. which always meets during the Easter holidays, to help them bring some outstanding person to Toronto at this time. Miss Ruth Evans, Supervisor of Public Schools, Springfield, Mass., is coming and will be at O.C.E. on Monday and Tuesday, April 6th and 7th. On Monday she is teaching National, Character and Folk Dances suitable for public and high school grades. There will, of course, be other meetings of interest. This is open to all physical education teachers on payment of \$1.00. Right here we should tell you that the Refresher Course Committee also gave the War Work Committee \$20.00.

Speaking of Conventions, you should know that the Canadian Physical Education Association, of which Miss Somers is president, meets in convention at Montreal, on April 10th and 11th. It is absolutely necessary that physical educationalists work together at this very serious time in Canada's history. We therefore urge that you make every effort to be present at these Montreal meetings. For some of you distance will make that impossible, but we hope that many of you will be there even though it may mean sacrifice on your part.

Brief Notes on The Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression
and The Margaret Eaton School

By Helen Parsons

"The Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression was founded in 1906 by Emma Scott Raff, so well known and loved by us all as Mrs. Nasmith. May I go even one step further back than that and quote a few of the lines written by Mrs. Nasmith herself concerning "the Margaret Eaton for whom this School was built and named by her devoted husband, the late Mr. Timothy Eaton. Mrs. Eaton was not only its generous patron but she was one of its most interested students, and guided its destiny for many years."

The next item of interest I find, occurred in the spring of 1913 when it was suggested that an Alumnae group should be formed. A luncheon was held when seventeen members and three guests were present. According to the minutes a great many things were moved and seconded but what interested me most of all was to learn after all this time that the Alumnae colours are gold and white and that our flower is the daisy!

My earliest recollection of the Alumnae dates back to the days when their monthly luncheons were held in the principal's office of the school on Bay Street. The most glorious aroma of food and coffee would be wafted down the stairs to us, the poor pining students below, - the luncheons always being held at twelve o'clock while we groaned at our French lessons till one! After the graduation of that powerful class of '22, the luncheons became too large a problem for the members themselves and we sought the assistance of Miss Sutton and her Diet Kitchen where we were always made welcome. Many and varied have been the activities of the Alumnae, stretching all

the way from the financial care of a French orphan during the War to a trek of 100 members through the Wet Wash Laundry.

In looking over the reports of the years, I felt perhaps we were becoming rather middle-aged now in our activities, compared to the days when we produced plays--Do you remember Countess Cathleen at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, the Tea Dances and the rummage sales we sponsored, when we all nearly got killed in the rush? I must say that I am rather inclined to agree with our present executive (1938) that it is ever so much easier and every bit as pleasant to sit back and play bridge or listen to someone else play the piano and the violin! I know there's plenty of activity in the refresher course at Christmas time for those who are still able to refresh - but for the older folk the other type of entertainment is decidedly restful and appealing!

The next outstanding date, according to my notes, is 1925, when the School in full moved down to what had previously been known as the Extension on Yonge Street. It was equipped with all the requisites and necessities for a school of physical education, as well as having a most attractive little theatre. Unfortunately the dramatic department was forced to close a year later, but in her inimitable way Miss Hamilton carried on and from then on the Physical Education Course became a separate school, known as The Margaret Eaton School. The school crest of the lamp was dropped and in 1927 the discobolus was chosen to replace it. As this stands for Beauty and Fitness and we old people strove for the good and the beautiful, our aim throughout has always been the attainment of the best! Since 1925 the School has been more than fortunate in spending its first month each year at that glorious spot known as Camp Tanamakoon, and from one who helped to haul away the first tree trunks may I say that no lovelier spot could possibly be found.

A terrible blow was dealt to us in 1933 when we learned that Miss Hamilton was no longer going to be able to carry on as Director.....But we did not really lose Miss Hamilton at all, we still have her with us and as well we had the great privilege and pleasure of adding to our number, Miss Somers who took over the Directorship. She has caught the torch which was flung to her and has continued to hold it high."

SOCIAL NOTES:

Once more we had our Christmas Tea and Service at the residence the Sunday before the school closed for the holidays, and it was just as lovely as ever. Special guests were the students of the first two years of the new course and the last two years of the University Diploma Course, and we were glad to hear them say they hoped the service would continue to be an annual event in the new school. But who wouldn't hope that? Gay dresses and beautiful music! Candles and Christmas cake! And over all the lovely spirit of the Christmas season that means so much to everyone!

Another event that has come to be an annual one, is the ski week-end, usually held at the end of January when the mid-year examinations are over. This year the girls went again to Limberlost and according to all accounts, this was the best ever. The weather was perfect, the ski-ing excellent and nothing happened to mar the holiday.

The School Formal was held on February 27th at the Toronto Skating Club and was another "perfect occasion". Mrs. Burden, Mrs. R.Y. Eaton, Miss Hamilton and Miss Somers were the patrons and the committee in charge were most efficient in their arrangements. As this was a "Margaret Eaton dance, only our seniors and a few graduates with their escorts were there, about thirty couples in all, and the Skating Club was an ideal place for it, homey and comfortable with a good floor and a grand supper.

A coffee party at the residence before the dance put everyone in the spirit of a good time and the whole evening went with a swing.

NEWS NOTES:

It is strange how few persons like to have a date attached to their name! They do not look as if they graduated ten, fifteen or twenty years ago, why should they be so labelled? The eternal feminine! You will notice therefore, that we have omitted the year of graduation in all cases and as usual have arranged the news items alphabetically. Perhaps it is just as well!

Miss Hamilton has just got out her new Tanamakoon folder, and many have been the favourable comments on it. It has the most gorgeous pictures of life at camp and a fine "editorial" by Miss Hamilton on the value of the organized camp in the life of Canadian youth.

Miss Thrall says there is nothing of interest that she can report. However, she is still interested in you all, especially in those who graduated when she was in the School.

Miss Ross retired from teaching three years ago in June and now lives at the St. George Apartments, 321 Bloor Street West, where she is always glad to see her former pupils. Miss Ross has not lost her keen interest in the School.

Students who took the Remedials Course under Miss Shilton (Mrs. George Finlay) will be interested to hear of the birth of her daughter on March 2nd in Halifax.

Josephine Barrington recently gave a short course in Voice to a special group of Air Women from the Training School at old Havergal. She also put on her usual, successful children's pantomime during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell (Cecily Baalim) announce the birth of a son, Robert Galt, on February 4th at Calgary.

Ann Bartlet has enlisted with the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Military Dist. No.1.

Dorothy Black (Mrs. Roy Gilbert) is a very busy person these days. Besides looking after her two children, she is supervising a Recreation Centre in St. Thomas and driving a transport. Dr. Gilbert is overseas.

A card at Christmas brought us a picture of Brian Hargreaves, young son of Eric and Doris Cambridge Hargreaves. Their address is 5 Woodhall Drive, Pinner, Middlesex, Eng.

Born on December 26th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Levitt Jr. (Marjorie Campbell) a son, John Arthur.

We are very sorry to announce the death of Dorothy Jean Campbell of the class of '33. Dorothy, who taught at Branksome Hall and later at the Flintridge School in Pasadena, California, was very happily married there to Mr. Leon MacCartney. On January 13th her son, John Charles, was born, but ten days later complications set in and Dorothy died on January 25th. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Campbell, have taken the baby to their home in Haney, B.C. All Dorothy's friends, and they are many, will sympathize deeply with her husband and little son, and with her parents.

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IN APPRECIATION

It was with a feeling of real personal loss that we learned of the sudden death of Dorothy Campbell MacCartney. To all who knew her, and especially to her old classmates, the news came as a tremendous shock.

Always smiling and ready for any fun that was going on, Dot was one of the most popular members of her year. She had the happy faculty of getting on well with people which, combined with all round ability, fitted her perfectly for her chosen vocation. Outstanding in all branches of sport, she will be remembered most vividly for her swimming and diving at the swimming demonstrations.

To her husband, family and baby son, we extend our sincerest sympathy.

Peggy Kerfoot Gibson '33

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. H.A. Dixon (Dorothy Crossland) in the death of her father, Mr. Ernest Crossland, in Toronto on February 16th.

After great difficulty, word has been received by her relatives in Canada, that Grace Darroch and her sister are safe in Shanghai. We know nothing of what has happened to Fan Lee, and Jean Mark with her little baby, who live in Hong Kong.

We were pleasantly surprised this week to have a call from Gertrude Henderson Brereton, Mr. Brereton and Frances, age 3 years. Frances visited the gymnasium and took a sporting interest in the apparatus.

A visitor to the office not long ago was Mrs. Jacob Safana (Myrle Johnston) who with her daughter is now living in Toronto. Mrs. Safana brought news of one of her classmates, Helena Luttrell, who after living in New York for some time, went to Hollywood.

Elizabeth Lambe has returned to Toronto from New York and is doing war work.

Mildred Marsh (Mrs. F.P.L. Washington) has moved with her husband to Toronto and is living at 781 Spadina Road.

Mona Miller, (Mrs. H.A. Tomalin) is junior commander of the Canadian Women's Army Corps at Esquimalt, B.C.

Dorothy Murphy (Mrs. Elwin McDougall) and her husband were visitors in Toronto recently. The three children stayed at home in Vancouver.

Two graduates were made happy recently when their husbands returned temporarily from overseas. They were Louise Proctor Hooper and Alice Thompson Keefer. Captain Hooper is stationed at Petawawa and they are living in Pembroke. Major Keefer is instructing at the R.M.C. in Kingston.

Dorothy Peterson, who was connected for some time with the Grenfell Mission Industries in New York, has returned to Toronto and is living with her sister at 86 Madison Ave.

It was a great shock to us all to read in the paper of the death of Virginia Race '37 on Friday, March 6th. Although Virginia had not been very well, she was not thought to be seriously ill, but her heart suddenly stopped beating. After her graduation, Virginia taught for sometime in the Y.W.C.A. of her home town, Brantford, but gave up this work to study for her degree at Queen's University. Her family moved to

Kingston and it was there that she died. We sympathize deeply with her mother and the other members of her family.

Virginia

We have lost Virginia and I think we have lost more than we know. We each have memories of her, some humorous, some touching. They are a good collection, they are our share of Virginia.

When I think of her I think mostly of her mind. I would call it a philosophical mind, interested in the purpose and manner of life. She was interested in people, their behaviour and especially why they so behaved and to that inquiry she brought sympathy and a desire to understand.

When I think of Virginia I think also of beauty. To say "She loved beauty", is a pretentious sounding phrase, but I think we accepted the fact that she did. Beauty in people, in books, in dancing--her love for creative dancing was a key to her personality.

We have lost Virginia, it is true, but not entirely for she still lives in the past that is forever a part of our lives.

Isabel Callan Macdonald '38

Esther Smith, after living for some years in Ottawa, is back in Toronto (home address, 83 St. Clair Ave. West) and is with the National Revenue Department of the Dominion Government.

Doris Weston has obtained leave of absence from the Kennedy Collegiate Institute for the duration of the war and is second subaltern in A Company, Military District No. 1.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mildred Wickson and her family in the death of Dr. Wickson who died after less than a week's illness on Monday, March 16th.

Winnifred Williams (Mrs. Donald B. Westcott) with her children is at her parents' home in Collingwood while Dr. Westcott is overseas. Mrs. Westcott's father, Mr. David Williams, editor of the Enterprise-Bulletin and founder of Huronia Institute, was recently given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Toronto.

Mrs. Cecil Gunyon (Andreana Williams) and Mr. Gunyon are moving with their three children to Montreal.

A nice, newsy letter from Leila Worthy tells of her classes in the Charlottetown Y.M.C.A. In her spare time she is taking a medical technologist's course in the local hospital and hopes some time to come to Toronto to finish her course. She says she hears regularly from Marjorie Silverthorn LeDrew in Miami.

We have another whole page of news, but it will have to wait for the June Letter.

Charlotte H. Repton

P.S. If you have not been asked to take tickets for the draw, how about 'phoning to Ad. 8339 for some? We still have a few \$1.00 books in the office.



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